

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated August 27, 2008 which has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Claims 1-14 and 16-30 remain in this application, where claims 1, 21 and 29-30 are independent.

By means of the present amendment, claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice and its features included in independent claims 1, 21 and 29-30. Accordingly, no new issues requiring a new search have been introduced and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 15-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 15-18 contain patentable subject matter. By means of the present amendment, independent claims 1, 21 and 29-30 have been amended to include the features of allowable claim 15 which has been canceled without prejudice without including certain features that are believed to be not necessary for patentability.

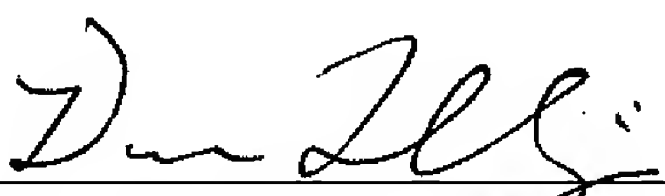
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 21 and 29-30 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-14, 16-20 and 22-28 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from amended independent claims 1 and 21.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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